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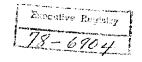
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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

As national and international tensions increase, reconciliation between individuals and nations seems more difficult. There is widespread longing for ways of finding unity. One effort that is being made toward this common desire is an annual event to which you and your spouse are to be invited.

For twenty-six years, the President, Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and other leaders from throughout the nation have met at an annual breakfast for prayer and discussion in the Name of the Living God of the Bible. This breakfast is scheduled close to the opening session of Congress and over the years has come to be referred to as the National Prayer Breakfast.

This year's National Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 18, 1979 at 8:00 a.m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Prayer Breakfast Committee will be inviting you to be their guests at this event. A formal invitation will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

We genuinely hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

RICHARD T. MULZE Member of Congress LAWTON CHILES U.S. Senator

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Each year the participation and interest in the National Prayer Breakfast has increased. Many have asked how the Breakfast is financed and we are attempting to answer that question with this note.

Each person who chooses to attend the National Leadership Seminar and Luncheon shares the overall cost of the Breakfast through a registration fee. Some who do not attend the Seminar and Luncheon also choose to make contributions. These funds help defray the expenses for our international guests who come from 80 to 100 countries, and assist with administrative costs.

There continues to be no charge for the Breakfast. You are the guests of the Congressional Prayer Breakfast groups. However, should you desire to contribute to the financial requirements, simply make a check payable to National Prayer Breakfast and return it with your response card. (This is a tax-deductible contribution.) Please be assured that this mention of finances is simply to provide information for those interested.

The Prayer Breakfast Congressional Committee

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The 26th Annual National Prayer Breakfast

SPEECH

OF

HON. JAMES B. ALLEN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES Friday, February 10, 1978

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, over 3,006 guests, including representative citizens from all 50 States and more than 100 other countries of the world, gathered at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., on February 2, 1978, for the 26th National Prayer Breakfast.

This annual event, which is sponsored by the Senate and House prayer breakfast groups, marks a time for us to gather in a spirit of fellowship and reaffirm our mutual dependence on God. It is a public opportunity to demonstrate that we are a nation founded on spiritual principles and that our strength derives from our adherence to God's way.

Mr. President, I think many can benefit from the words of the several speakers at the National Prayer Breakfast as did those of us who were in attendance.

Accordingly, I ask unanimous consent that the program and transcript of the breakfast be printed in the RECORD, and I commend these remarks, and the spirit in which they were delivered to all.

There being no objection, the program and transcript were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

26TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Grace—The Honorable Frank Carlson, U.S. Senate (1950-1969).

Opening song, "How Great Thou Art" The Blackwood Quartet.

Presiding, the Honorable James B. Allen, National Prayer Breakfast Committee.

Opening prayer, the Honorable Thomas L. Judge, Governor of Montana.

Introduction of Head Table and Statement, the Honorable James Allen.

Greetings from the House of Representatives, the Honorable Berkley Bedell, U.S. House of Representatives.

Old Testament Reading, The Honorable John J. Sirica, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court. District of Columbia.

Greetings from the Senate, The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, U.S. Senate.

New Testament Reading, General Louis H. Wilson, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

Prayer for National Leaders, The Honorable Barbara Jordan, U.S. House of Representatives.

Song, "Learning to Lean" The Blackwood Quartet.

Message, The Honorable Max Cleland, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

The President of the United States.

Closing Prayer, The Honorable Harold E. Hughes, U.S. Senate (1969-1975).

Closing Song, "The Lord's Prayer".

Presiding: The Honorable James B. Allen. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the 26th annual National Prayer Breakfast, held in the Nation's Capital.

We are grateful to the Blackwood Quartet for being on our program and giving us an opportunity to enjoy their wonderful and inspirational singing.